

MAT 202
Larson – Section 9.10
Taylor and Maclaurin Series

In section 9.8 we introduced power series. We will now define the Taylor Series and Maclaurin Series.

The Form of a Convergent Power Series: If f is represented by a

power series $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x - c)^n$, for all x in an open interval I

containing c , then

$$a_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!} \quad \text{and}$$

$$f(x) = f(c) + f'(c)(x - c) + \frac{f''(c)}{2!}(x - c)^2 + \cdots + \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!}(x - c)^n + \cdots$$

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Definition of Taylor and Maclaurin Series: If a function f has derivatives of all orders at $x = c$, then the series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!} (x - c)^n = f(c) + f'(c)(x - c) + \frac{f''(c)}{2!}(x - c)^2 + \cdots + \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!}(x - c)^n + \cdots$$

is called the ***Taylor Series*** for $f(x)$ at c . Moreover, if $c = 0$, then the series is the ***Maclaurin Series*** for f .

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$$f(c) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (c-c)^n = a_0 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a_0 = \frac{f^{(0)}(c)}{0!} \end{array} \right.$$

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1(x-c) + a_2(x-c)^2 + \cdots = f(c) \quad \checkmark$$

$$f'(x) = a_1 + 2a_2(x-c) + 3a_3(x-c)^2 + \cdots$$

$$f''(x) = 2a_2 + 6a_3(x-c) + 12a_4(x-c)^2$$

$$f(c) = 0! a_0$$

$$f'(c) = 1! a_1$$

$$f''(c) = \frac{2!}{3!} a_2$$

$$f'''(c) = 6 a_3$$

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$$e^{2x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} (x)^n$$

Figure this out.

Maclaurin Series

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} f^{(0)}(x) = e^{2x} \\ f'(x) = 2e^{2x} \\ f''(x) = 4e^{2x} \\ f'''(x) = 8e^{2x} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} f(0) = 1 \\ f'(0) = 2 \\ f''(0) = 4 \\ f'''(0) = 8 \\ \vdots \\ f^{(n)}(0) = 2^n \end{array}$$

$$e^{2x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n x^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2x)^n}{n!}$$

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$$\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(2)}{n!} (x-2)^n$$

$$f^0(2) = -1 = -1 \cdot 0!$$

$$f'(2) = 1 = 1 \cdot 1!$$

$$f''(2) = -2 = -1 \cdot 2!$$

$$f'''(2) = 6 = 1 \cdot 3!$$

$$\vdots$$

$$f^{(n)}(2) = (-1)^{n+1} n!$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{+2}{(1-x)^3}$$

$$f'''(x) = \frac{6}{(1-x)^4}$$

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} \cancel{n!}}{\cancel{n!}} (x-2)^n$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot (-1) (x-2)^n$$

$$= \boxed{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} (x-2)^n}$$

Deriving Taylor Series from a Basic List: The list below provides the power series for several elementary functions with the corresponding intervals of convergence.

POWER SERIES FOR ELEMENTARY FUNCTIONS	
Function	Interval of Convergence
$\frac{1}{x} = 1 - (x - 1) + (x - 1)^2 - (x - 1)^3 + (x - 1)^4 - \dots + (-1)^n(x - 1)^n + \dots$	$0 < x < 2$
$\frac{1}{1 + x} = 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + x^4 - x^5 + \dots + (-1)^n x^n + \dots$	$-1 < x < 1$
$\ln x = (x - 1) - \frac{(x - 1)^2}{2} + \frac{(x - 1)^3}{3} - \frac{(x - 1)^4}{4} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^{n-1}(x - 1)^n}{n} + \dots$	$0 < x \leq 2$
$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \dots$	$-\infty < x < \infty$
$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \frac{x^9}{9!} - \dots + \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} + \dots$	$-\infty < x < \infty$
$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \frac{x^8}{8!} - \dots + \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!} + \dots$	$-\infty < x < \infty$
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$\arcsin x = x + \frac{x^3}{2 \cdot 3} + \frac{1 \cdot 3x^5}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 5} + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5x^7}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 7} + \dots + \frac{(2n)!x^{2n+1}}{(2^n n!)^2(2n+1)} + \dots$	$-1 \leq x \leq 1$
$(1 + x)^k = 1 + kx + \frac{k(k-1)x^2}{2!} + \frac{k(k-1)(k-2)x^3}{3!} + \frac{k(k-1)(k-2)(k-3)x^4}{4!} + \dots$	$-1 < x < 1^*$
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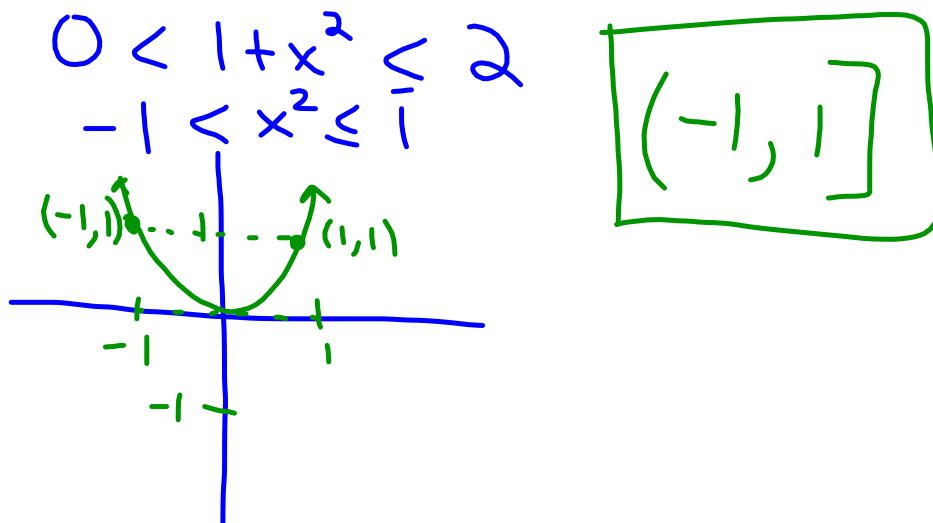
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From the Table:

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} (1+x^2-1)^n}{n}$$

$$\ln(1+x^2) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} x^{2n}}{n}$$

Interval of convergence



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$$0 < x < 2$$

$$\frac{1}{1+x} = 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + x^4 - x^5 + \cdots + (-1)^n x^n + \cdots$$

$$-1 < x < 1$$

$$\ln x = (x-1) - \frac{(x-1)^2}{2} + \frac{(x-1)^3}{3} - \frac{(x-1)^4}{4} + \cdots + \frac{(-1)^{n-1} (x-1)^n}{n} + \cdots$$

$$0 < x \leq 2$$

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